

Natick Comets Hockey Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 23, 2017

In attendance: Dave Camacho, Matthew Chase, Tom Goss, Chris Hubbard, Clare Haswell, Chuck Nemitz, Mike Meehan, Ann Fisher, Larry Slotnick, Angi MacDonnell, Chris Collins, Dave Hoffman, Steve Peck, Matthew Schneider

CALL TO ORDER, BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING:

Board of Directors Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Introduction of Steve Peck: Larry said a few words about the position and commented on how important it was to get started at this time of year, just before tryouts - we all thanked Steve profusely.

Co-Director Matthew Schneider was not present at that time and was introduced as soon as he walked in.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

December meeting minutes were approved with corrections: Motion to accept, Ann F, seconded by Chuck N and unanimously voted.

Motion to post December meeting minutes with changes: Tom G, seconded by Chris H and unanimously voted.

VHL Registration:

- Overdue payments; Mike will handle speaking to all the families except for one that he knows personally. Letters will be mailed to families: there are more than 10 with balances of \$500+ and there are less than 25 families with \$100.00 in overdue balances. If there is no word in 10 days, a certified letter will be sent.

- Financial Assistance of \$7,400.00 is being requested as of now. Dave Hoffman brought up a new

Financial Assistance Program that is being reformed and revamped by Mass Hockey: MHCF

- Audit should be complete; we are waiting for final paperwork from the auditors. At this time, the cost is \$15,000.00 and this is because we crossed over the \$500,000.00 mark last year.

- Mike will be considering other firms to perform our audit in the future as needed.

- Tuition for next year: last year we went up \$25.00 and we need to review our increase this year. Mike will gather the finance committee and review to determine a plan/proposal for this 2017-18 season. Clare will get some info and past data for reference.

Comets hand-carved wooden signs fundraiser: (Ann Fisher)

A family has inquired if the Comets will post information about a fundraiser they are involved with. It was decided to post a notification with The Comets Community Facebook page that Toby Metcalf manages. Ann will follow up with family.

Tryouts:

- Tryout dates and time will be posted shortly on the website
- Our rates for Tryouts are very comparable to other town programs, i.e. Framingham, Needham, and Wellesley
- Steve requested the number of players for tryouts for the past couple of years
- Steve is looking to make some changes to the number of tryouts for the older kids (Midget)

Ice time:

It was brought up that maybe we have too much ice and we could save money by not purchasing so much ice at other rinks. It was determined that we will not give up any additional ice time because we worked so hard to get it and some of our age groups are increasing.

Ice time donation:

Eric B requested an hour of ice for the Pucks for Bucks charity program. 2/9/17 at 7:10PM. Motion was recommended by Dianna (via Email) and seconded by Dave C - unanimously approved. Dave C will contact Dianna to put this into schedule.

Request from Chris C:

At this weekend's game, there were no referees. There were two folks in the stands who stepped up to referee the game with the approval of both coaches. The game was played with running time. Chris would like to know who oversees notifying the referees and who he can follow up with about this issue.

We also don't want to get billed for the referees who don't show up.

Johnson Rink Street Hockey Tournament: (Angi McDonnell)

We will hold a 1-day tournament allowing 4 age levels to compete in a single elimination tournament game set up. Up to 50 teams, 5 players per team plus a goalie, helmets with a mask. We will need the rink for 10 hours and we will have lots of fun!

At our next meeting, we will discuss the board as a whole. Who is going to be staying and who is going and what positions we need to fill/modify?

Motion to adjourn Chuck N, seconded Angie M and unanimously voted.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Chase